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1. CONCUR IN PARA 1 REFTTEL I. E., FIRST FULLY DAY SHOULD BE SPENT IN NEW DELHI. THIS WILL BE A CROWDED DAY WITH EMBASSY, WORLD BANK AND GOI BRIEFINGS INCULDING MEETING WITH MINISTER OF FINANCE. WE WILL TRY TO FIT IN VISIT TO ESCORT FACTORY IN FARIDABAD AND VISIT TO RAILWAY MINISTRY. WITH RESPECT TO POPULATION PROGRAM, THERE IS NO IFI SPONSORED ACTIVITY IN DELHI AREA. ONLY IFI PROJECTS ARE IN LUCKNOW AND BANG-LORE. WE COULD ARRANGE MEETING WITH MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING TO REVIEWGENERAL PROBELM AND/OR VISIT TO LOCAL CLINIC. PLEASE ADVISE.

2. CONSIDERATION MIGHT ALSO BE GIVEN TO BREAKING GROUP INTO SEVERAL PARTS E. G., SOME MIGHT PREFER VISIT ESCORTS WHILE OTHERS VISIT FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER THIS APPROACH DESIGNED TO INCLUDE MAXIMUM GROUP EXPOSURE IN ONE DAY IS ACCEPTABLE.

3. FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH GOI INDICATES WE SHOULD DROP CHAMBAL IRRIGATION PROJECT VISIT PROPOSAL. WHILE AIR FACILITIES

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IN AGRA PROBABLY POSE NO DIFFICULTIES VISIT TO CHAMBAL PRO-

JECT WOULD REQUIRE MULTI-HOAZ GROUND TRANSPORTATION. PERHAPS WIVES WOULD WISH TO VISIT AGRA BY TRAIN ON FIRST OR SECOND DAY.

4. CHANDIGARH AIRPORT COULD ACCOMMODATE 707 AIRCRAFT BUT WE UNDERSTAND GOI WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO PERMIT USG AIRCRAFT TO LAND DUE TO MILITARY SENSITIVITY OF AIRPORT. COMMERCIAL FLIGHT WOULD BE POSSIBLE WITH DEPARTURE FROM DELHI AT 9 AM AND RETURN FLIGHT LEAVING CHANDIGARH AT 1545. GROUP COULD VISIT NANGAL FERTILIZER PLANT (ABOUT 2 HOURS GROUND TRAVEL FROM AIRPORT) AND (IF TIME PERMITS) TUBLEWELL PROJECTS IN NORTHERN HARYANA CLOSE TO CHANDIGARH. BOTH HAVE IFI FINAING CONTENT.

IF THE VISIT IS OF INTEREST WE NEED TO KNOW IMMEDIATELY SO THAT AIRPLANE RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE. WOULD WIVES ACCOMPANY?

5. ALTERNATIVE TO CHANDIGARH IS FURTHER TALKS IN DELHI AND VISITTO NEARBY (1-2 HOUR) FARM PROJECTS. DISADVANTAGE IS THAT THESE HAVE NO IFI CONTENT THOUGH DEVELOPMENTS HERE ARE SIMILAR TO IFI PROJECTS ELSEWHERE.

6. WE SUGGEST JANUARY 9 BE DEVOTED TO VISIT TO BOMBAY WITH GROUP TO OVERNIGHT DOWNTOWN OR AT HOTEL NEAR AIRPORT FOR JANUARY 10 DEPARTURE FOR ATHENS. TRAVEL TIME FROM AIRPORT TO IOICI IN DOWNTOWN BOMBAY IS 1 HOUR WHILE WE UNDERSTAND WATERWORKS LOCATED FAIRLY CLOSE TO AIRPORT. WOULD APPRECIATE CONGEN BOMBAY COMMENTS.

7. WE ARE MEETING WITH MEA AND VISIT ON DECEMBER 19 AND WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PROGRAM IDEAS BEFORE THEN.
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